

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 11

SURVEY NO.: B-1416

AREA: Middle East Vicinity

MAGI NO.: 0414168604

ADDRESS: 525-527 North Patterson Park Avenue
CURRENT NAME:

BLOCK:
HEIGHT: 2
CONDITION: Fair

LOT:

LOT SIZE:
MATERIALS: Brick
OWNER:
ADDRESS:
ACCESSIBLE:
LIBER/FOLIO:



USE: Vacant dwelling
DESIGNATION:

HISTORIC NAME:
DATE: ca. 1890
ARCHITECT/BUILDER:
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE):

DESCRIPTION: 525-527 Patterson Park Avenue are two brick rowhouses located on the east side of Patterson Park Avenue, between Jefferson and McElderry Streets, directly north of Canal (Waldo) Street, just outside the west boundaries of the Middle East Planning District and two blocks north of the Middle East eligible historic district in east Baltimore, Maryland. The dwellings are two bays wide and two stories tall, with raised basements. They are presently being rehabilitated. The steps are gone and the majority of windows and one door have been removed. The original openings are all intact. The window openings on the first and second floor are long and rectangular and originally contained 4 over 4 wood windows. The basement openings are square with 3 over 3 wood windows. The door has a transom above it. All the openings have segmental brick lintels, decorative cutouts in the wood below the lintels, and plain wood sills. A corbeled brick cornice beneath a wood trim extends across both buildings.

SIGNIFICANCE:

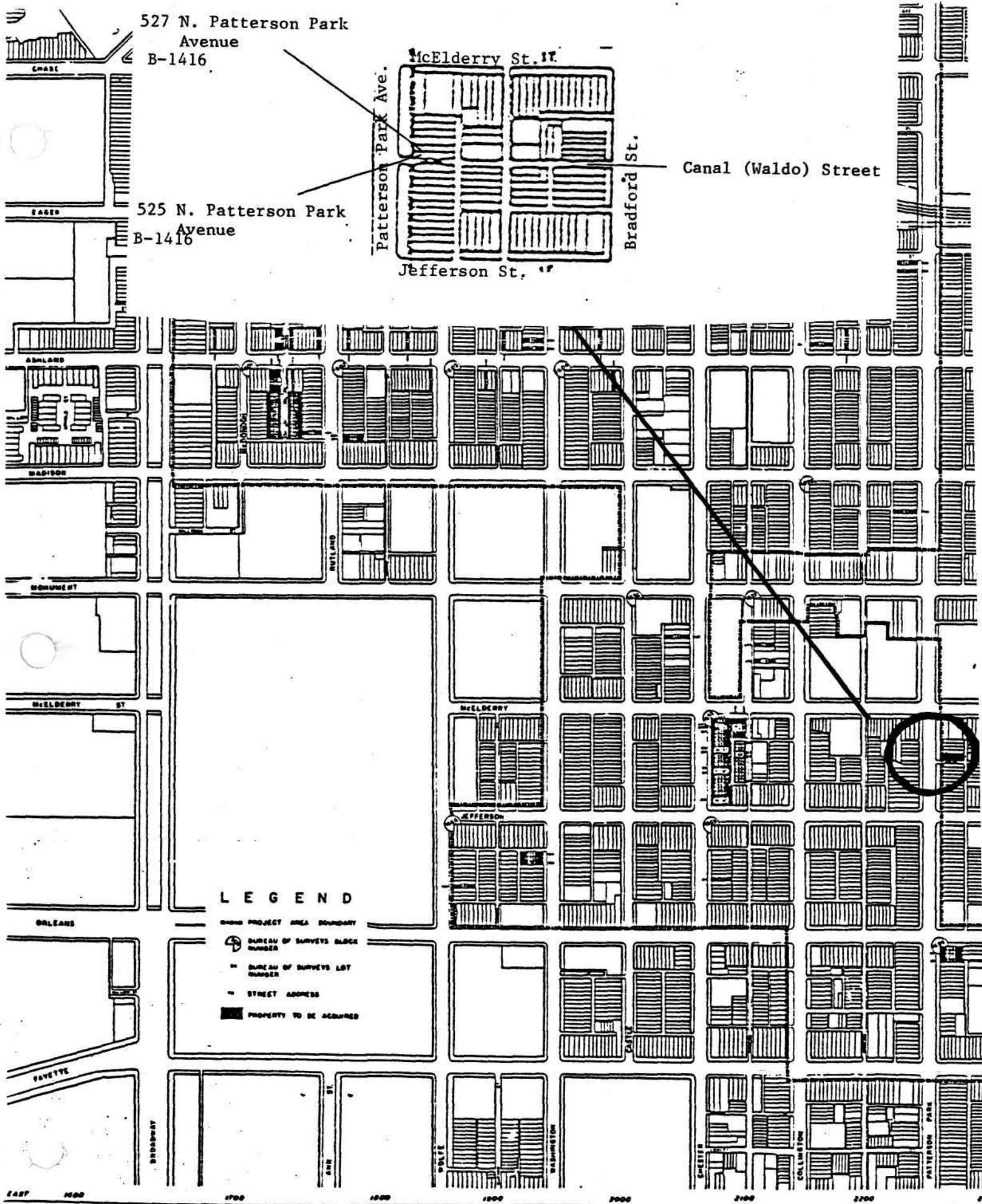
AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: Local

525-527 North Patterson Park Avenue are examples of the most prominent Baltimore building form--the rowhouse. They are eligible for the National Register within the context of their surrounding neighborhood, a district of undetermined boundaries. These dwellings fit into the two story brick rowhouse building pattern that characterizes the Middle East district. 525-527 also demonstrates the traditional Baltimore aesthetic in which ornament is used sparingly and to enhance building elements already present, such as window openings and the cornice. Patterson Park Avenue, originally Gist Street, was included in the gridiron pattern of streets planned by Poppleton in 1823. North of the Fells Point settlement and east of Baltimore Town, this block of Patterson Park Avenue remained on the edge of Baltimore city urban expansion until the beginning of the twentieth century. The 1851 Poppleton map shows a Methodist burial ground on the 500 block and a rope walk to the north. On the Sachse Bird's Eye View of 1869 the block is undeveloped and Patterson Park Avenue does not yet extend that far north. Structures do appear at 525-527 Patterson Park Avenue on the 1869 Baltimore map, however, they are still on the edge of development, active urban building stops one block to the west and two blocks north.

SOURCES: Bromley Atlas of Baltimore City 1896, CHAP file (Middle East Compliance), Poppleton Map of Baltimore 1823 and 1851, Sachse Bird's Eye View of Baltimore of 1869

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Mary K. Mannix, October 1986



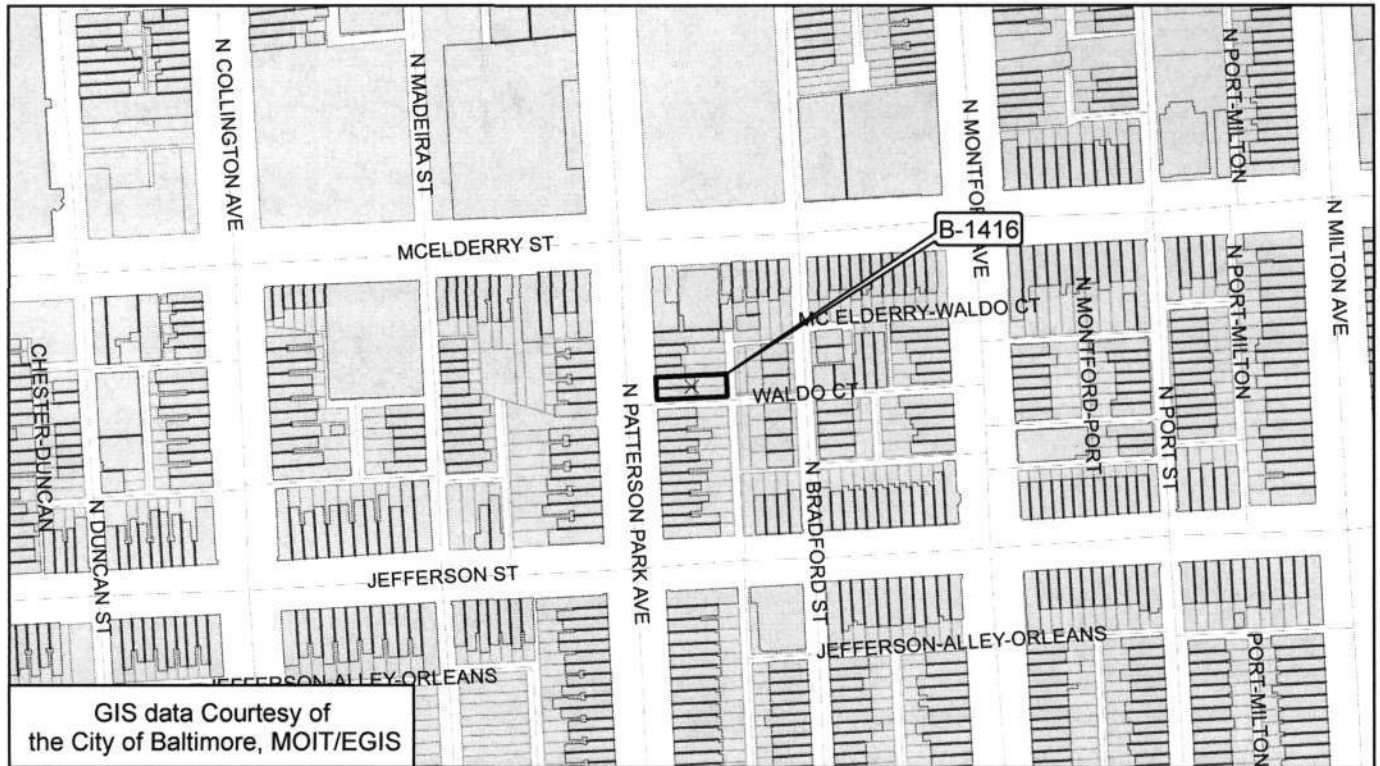
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Rowhouses

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525-527 North Patterson Park Avenue

Baltimore (City), Maryland

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West elevation

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